

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's comments which have greatly assisted Applicant in responding. The following remarks are numbered following the Examiner's Office Action numbers.

In The Claims:

1. The Examiner has rejected Claims 6-7 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains.

Claims 6-7, 32 have been canceled and thus the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection is deemed moot.

2. The Examiner has rejected Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains.

Claim 26 has been canceled thus the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection is deemed moot.

3. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 12-13, 19-20, 26 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 26 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 12-13, 19-20, and 31 have been amended as to remove the terms "typically" and "rounded square". The amended claims now

particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, and therefore should be allowed.

4. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 5-6, 8, 19, 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI and in view of PERTTUNEN.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The amended independent Claims 1, 19 and 31 specifically limits the message-indicating device to have a distinct feature "independent of any particular telephone line". This distinct feature of the message-indicating device, fully supported by the detailed description of the invention, is unique to the invention. The wireless devices, such as wireless phones and pagers, as disclosed in the cited references are all specific to a particular telephone line (or account). The distinct feature specified in Claims 1, 19 and 31 is neither disclosed nor suggested by VENTURINI or PERTTUNEN or by any combination thereof. Therefore, the subject matter in independent Claims 1, 19, 31 is patentably distinguished from the cited references and thus should be allowed.

Claim 5, which depends on the amended independent Claim 1, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention. Because Claim 1 is allowable, Claim 5 should be also allowed.

Claim 6 has been canceled.

Claim 8, which depends on the independent Claim 1, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention. Because Claim 1 is allowable, Claim 8 should also be allowed.

5. The Examiner has rejected Claims 2-3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN in view of NEUSTEIN.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 2, which depends on the amended independent Claim 1, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is fully supported by the detailed description of the invention. This distinct feature is neither disclosed, nor suggested by VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or NEUSTEIN, nor suggested by any combination of the cited references. Because the amended independent Claim 1 is allowable, Claim 2 should also be allowed.

Claim 3, which depends on the amended independent Claim 1, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI or NEUSTEIN, nor is it taught or suggested by any single cited reference or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 3 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 3 should also be allowed.

6. The Examiner has rejected Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN in view of SHULL.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 4, which depends on the amended independent Claim 1, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or SHULL, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 4 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 4 should also be allowed.

7. The Examiner has rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN in view of JYOGATAKI.

Claim 7 has been canceled and thus the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to Claim 7 is deemed moot.

8. The Examiner has rejected Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN in view of LUPORTA.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 9, which depends on the amended independent Claim 1, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or LUPORTA, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 9 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 9 should be allowed.

9. The Examiner has rejected Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN in view of HOUGGY.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Please note that "the first signal" in column 38 line 36 of HOUGGY, which refers to "a first signal comprising a command from the first device" claimed in column 38 line 25 of HOUGGY, is a different subject matter from the claimed "first signal" of this invention because the "first signal" in Claim 10 is used to "activate said message-indicating device". Further, Claim 10, which depends on the amended independent Claim 1, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or HOUGGY, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 10 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 10 should be allowed.

10. The Examiner has rejected Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN in view of HOMAN.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Please note that in either VENTURINI or HOMAN, it is disclosed only *one* communication and *one* message-indicating device, which may be chosen among a variety of choices, to be used to receive the communication. There is no suggestion by the cited references to registering *more than one* message-indicating device and to

direct the first communication to the first message-indicating device and the second communication to the second message-indicating device, as claimed. In other words, there is no suggestion to combine the message-indicating device disclosed by HOMAN to the message-indicating device disclosed by VENTURINI to create a system which has two or more message-indicating devices since each of the disclosure only suggests a system with a single registered message-indicating device. Further, Claim 11, which depends on the amended independent Claim 1, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or HOMAN, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 11 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 11 should be allowed.

11. The Examiner has rejected Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN in view of NEUSTEIN.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The amended independent Claim 12 now limits the message-indicating device to have a distinct feature "independent of any particular telephone line". This distinct feature of the message-indicating device, fully supported by the detailed description of the invention, is unique to the invention. The wireless devices, such as wireless phones, pagers, as disclosed in the cited references are all specific to a particular telephone line (or account). The distinct feature cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or NEUSTEIN, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any

combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 12 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 12 should be allowed.

12. The Examiner has rejected Claims 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN in view of KYTE.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The amended independent Claim 13 now limits the message-indicating device to have a distinct feature "independent of any particular telephone line". The distinct feature of the message-indicating device, fully supported by the detailed description of the invention, is unique to the invention. The wireless devices, such as wireless phones, pagers, as disclosed in the cited references are all specific to a particular telephone line (account). The distinct feature cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or KYTE, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 13 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 13 should be allowed.

Claim 17, which depends on the amended independent Claim 13, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or KYTE, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 17 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 17 should be allowed.

13. The Examiner has rejected Claims 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN in view of KYTE and further in view of NEISTEIN.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 14, which depends on the amended independent Claim 13, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, KYTE or NEISTEIN, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 14 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 14 should be allowed.

Claim 15, which depends on the amended independent Claim 14, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or KYTE, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 15 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 15 should be allowed.

14. The Examiner has rejected Claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, KYTE and further in view of SHULL.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 16, which depends on the amended independent Claim 13, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, KYTE or SHULL, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 16 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 16 should be allowed.

15. The Examiner has rejected Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, KYTE and further in view of HOUGGY.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Please note that "the first signal" on column 38 line 36 of HOUGGY, which refers to "a first signal comprising a command from the first device" as claimed in column 38 line 25 of HOUGGY, is a different subject matter from the presently claimed "first signal" which is used to "activate said message-indicating device". Further, Claim 18, which depends on Claim 17 and further on the amended independent Claim 13, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, KYTE or HOUGGY, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 18 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 18 should be allowed.

16. The Examiner has rejected Claims 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN and in view of NEUSTEIN.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The amended independent Claim 20 now limits the apparatus to have a distinct feature "independent of any particular telephone line". This distinct feature of the message-indicating device, fully supported by the detailed description of the invention, is unique to the invention. The wireless devices, such as wireless phones, pagers, as disclosed in the cited references are all specific to a particular telephone line (or account). The presently claimed distinct feature cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or NEUSTEIN, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 20 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 20 should be allowed.

The amended Claim 21, which depends on the amended independent Claim 20, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or NEUSTEIN, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 21 is fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 21 should be allowed.

17. The Examiner has rejected Claims 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, NEUSTEIN and in view of SHULL.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The amended Claim 22, which depends on the amended independent Claim 20, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, NEUSTEIN or SHULL, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 22 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 22 should be allowed.

The amended Claim 23, which depends on the amended Claim 20, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, NEUSTEIN or SHULL, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 23 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 23 should be allowed.

18. The Examiner has rejected Claims 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, NEUSTEIN and in view of KYTE et al.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The amended Claim 24, which depends on the amended Claim 20, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, NEUSTEIN or KYTE, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 24 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 24 should be allowed.

The amended Claim 25, which depends on the amended Claim 20, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, NEUSTEIN or KYTE, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 25 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 25 should be allowed.

19. The Examiner has rejected Claims 26 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over SPIELMAN and further in view of PERTTUNEN.

Claims 26 and 30 have been canceled and thus the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to Claims 26 and 30 is deemed moot.

20. The Examiner has rejected Claims 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over SPIELMAN and further in view of PERTTUNEN and NEUSTEIN.

Claims 27-28 have been canceled and thus the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to Claims 27-28 is deemed moot.

21. The Examiner has rejected Claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over SPIELMAN and further in view of PERTTUNEN and KYTE.

Claim 29 has been canceled and thus the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to Claims 29 is deemed moot.

22. The Examiner has rejected Claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI and PERTTUNEN and in view of KYTE and JYOGATAKI.

Claim 32 has been canceled and thus the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to Claims 32 is deemed moot.

23. The Examiner has rejected Claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, KYTE and further in view of HOUGGY.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 33, which depends on the amended Claim 31, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, KYTE or HOUGGY, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 33 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 33 should be allowed.

24. The Examiner has rejected Claim 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, KYTE and further in view of HOMAN.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Please note that in either VENTURINI or HOMAN, it is disclosed only *one* communication and *one* message-indicating device, which may be chosen among a variety of choices, to be used to receive the communication. There is no suggestion by

any of the cited references or any combination thereof to registering *more than one* message-indicating device and to direct the first communication to the first message-indicating device and the second communication to the second message-indicating device, as claimed. In other words, there is no suggestion to combine the message-indicating device disclosed by HOMAN to the message-indicating device disclosed by VENTURINI to create a system which has two or more message-indicating devices since each of the disclosure only suggests a system with a single registered message-indicating device. Further, Claim 34, which depends on the amended Claim 31, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN, KYTE or Homan, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter of Claim 34 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 34 should be allowed.

25. The Examiner has rejected Claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN and in view of NEUSTEIN.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 35, which depends on the amended Claim 31, now comprises the distinct feature of "independent of any particular telephone line" which is unique to this invention and cannot be found in VENTURINI, PERTTUNEN or NEUSTEIN, nor is it taught or suggested by any of the cited references or any combination thereof. The subject matter

of Claim 35 is also fully supported by the disclosure and patentably distinguished from the cited references. Therefore, Claim 35 should be allowed.

26. Response to "Response to Arguments":

- i) Applicant hereby withdraws the argument with "dimension" made in the response filed on 12 March 2003.
- ii) Claims 6-7 and 32 have been canceled.
- iii) Claim 6 has been canceled.
- iv) Regarding to Claim 11, the Examiner asserts that "[I]n combination of Venturini and Homan both first and second message-indicating devices are registered." However, in either VENTURINI or HOMAN it is disclosed only *one* communication and *one* message-indicating device, which may be chosen among a variety of choices, to be used to receive the communication. There is no suggestion by the cited references to registering *more than one* message-indicating device and to direct the first communication to the first message-indicating device and the second communication to the second message-indicating device, as claimed. In other words, there is no suggestion to combine the message-indicating device disclosed by HOMAN to the message-indicating device disclosed by VENTURINI to create a system which has two or more message-indicating devices since each of the disclosure only suggests a system with a single registered message-indicating device. In fact, both VENTURINI and HOMAN disclose a system

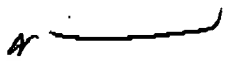
with a single registered message-indicating device can suggest away from a system with two or more registered message-indicating device.

- v) Claims 26 and 30 have been canceled.
- vi) Regarding to Claim 34, the Examiner argues that "[I]n combination of Venturini and Homan both first and second message-indicating devices are registered." However, in either VENTURINI or HOMAN it is disclosed only *one* communication and *one* message-indicating device, which may be chosen among a variety of choices, to be used to receive the communication. There is no suggestion by the cited references to registering *more than one* message-indicating device and to direct the first communication to the first message-indicating device and the second communication to the second message-indicating device, as claimed. In other words, there is no suggestion to combine the message-indicating device disclosed by HOMAN to the message-indicating device disclosed by VENTURINI to create a system which has two or more message-indicating devices since each of the disclosure only suggests a system with a single registered message-indicating device. In fact, both VENTURINI and HOMAN disclose a system with a single registered message-indicating device can suggest away from a system with two or more registered message-indicating devices.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers this invention to be distinguished from the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's withdrawal of the objections and rejections raised in the above referenced Office Action, such that a Notice of Allowance is forwarded to Applicant, and the this application is therefore allowed to issue as a United States patent.

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